

AN ORDINANCE 2006-05-18-0605

APPROVING THE PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2006-2016.

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WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006 - 2016 will be used to guide decisions impacting San Antonio's system of parks, facilities, and recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the plan will also be used to ensure future funding eligibility for various Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant programs, federal grant programs, and other potential funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio previously adopted a five year Parks and Recreation System Plan, approved on January 28, 1999 through Ordinance 89162; and


WHEREAS, an update is also needed at this time to reflect the following two amendments to the previous plan made after 1999: Amendment 1 : Guidelines for Greenway Parks, 2001 (Ordinance 93920) Amendment 2: Guidelines for Natural Areas, 2003 (Ordinance 97052); **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. The Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2016 on file with the City Clerk is hereby approved and adopted.


Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective on and after May 28, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2006.


M A Y O R

PHIL HARDBERGER

ATTEST 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 18.

Date: 05/18/06

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Description: An Ordinance approving the Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006-2016.
[Presented by Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation; Frances A. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1	Not present			
SHEILA D. MCNEIL	DISTRICT 2		x		
ROLAND GUTIERREZ	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
DELICIA HERRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
ELENA K. GUAJARDO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
KEVIN A. WOLFF	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR PHIL HARDBERGER	MAYOR		x		

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
FROM: Malcolm Matthews, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006-2016
DATE: May 18, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance approves the Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006-2016.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance will approve the Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2016, which was presented to City Council during the April 12, 2006 “B” Session.

The Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2016 will be used to guide decisions impacting San Antonio’s system of parks, facilities, and recreation programs. The plan will also be used to ensure future funding eligibility for various Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) grant programs, federal grant programs, and other potential funding sources.

The City of San Antonio previously adopted a five year Parks and Recreation System Plan, approved on January 28, 1999 through Ordinance 89162. That Plan has since expired and a follow-up document is needed in order to strategically address capital improvements, programs, and security. An update is also needed at this time to reflect the following two amendments to the previous plan made after 1999:

Amendment 1: Guidelines for Greenway Parks, 2001 (Ordinance 93920)

Amendment 2: Guidelines for Natural Areas, 2003 (Ordinance 97052)

These amendments were adopted to address the creekway and natural area programs that were funded by the 2000 Sales Tax Initiative (Proposition 3). In addition to these amendments, the plan has been updated to adhere to new TPWD requirements (January 2005), which call for all new system plans to be of a ten (10) year period with mandatory two (2) year updates. It is the responsibility of the TPWD to review and approve all agency park system plans to meet the requirements for state and federal grant funding.

Following approval from City Council, the plan will be submitted to the TPWD for its final review and approval.

POLICY ANALYSIS

The Parks and Recreation System Strategic Plan is a component of the City Master Plan. Development of this plan is consistent with the City's policy of planning for land use and the development of capital resources and services. As the park system has grown and diversified, new issues have emerged that will require future action. These include modifying park use policies, such as off road/trail activities, and expanding use allowances, such as water access for canoeing.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct cost obligation associated with adoption of this plan; however the plan does identify initiatives/projects which may require future funding consideration. With adoption of this plan, the City will be eligible for future state and federal grant programs that can be used for park development and recreation services.

COORDINATION

This plan has been developed with input from the community gathered during twenty (20) public meetings held throughout San Antonio, as well as six (6) public meetings held by the Parks and Recreation Board. Staff has met with each member of City Council in order to gather input. The plan was presented to the Quality of Life Committee and received favorable review. Additionally the plan has been reviewed by the TPWD.

As a result of the "B" Session presentation, staff revised the System Plan to address concerns regarding ecotourism, pocket parks, scope of the Leon Creekway Project, and the priority of Hemisfair Park. Staff discussed these topics and the incorporated revisions with each of the concerned Councilmembers.

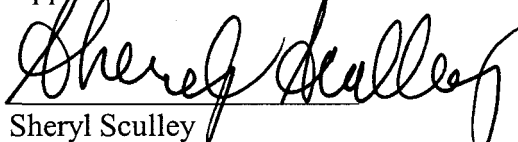


Malcolm Matthews
Director of Parks and Recreation

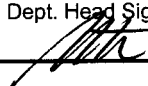


Frances A. Gonzalez
Assistant City Manager

Approved for Council Consideration:



Sheryl Sculley
City Manager

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Finance	Budget			Item No. 18	
Legal Stephen Whitworth	Coordinator			Ord. No.	
Date: April 27, 2006		Department: Parks and Recreation		Contact Person/Phone #: Sebastian Guajardo 207-6005	
Date Council Consideration Requested: May 18, 2006		Deadline for Action: ASAP		Dept. Head Signature 	
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Council Memorandum Must be Attached To Original					
Other Depts., Boards, Committees Involved (please specify): Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Quality of Life Committee, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.					
Contract signed by other party Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
FISCAL DATA (If Applicable)					
Amount Expended		N/A			
Fund		N/A			
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*(Fill out only the field that is appropriate to your council action.)		Funds/Staffing Budgeted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Positions Currently Authorized Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Impact on future O & M: None If positions added, specify Class and Job No.			
Comments:		Please submit 3 copies with your original			